रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन और पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री चिन्तामणि पाणिग्रही) : (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Eighth Antarctica expedition

3164. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is duration of the eighth Antarctica expedition; and

(b) what is composition of group set for the expedition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) The summer team of the Expedition is expected to stay in Antarctica for about seventy days excluding journey time.

(b) The expedition team includes 17 scientists, 2 doctors, 1 photographer, 40 personnel from the Indian Army, 19 personnel from the Indian Navy and 21 personnel from the Indian Air Force.

Exclusion of drugs by Kelkar Committee

3165. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nandrolone Decontate, Ethyl Estranol, Nandrolone Phenyl, Oxyfedrine Hcl, Norgestrol, Testosterone Propionate, do not fulfil any of the exclusion criteria as laid down by the Kelkar Committee;

(b) whether it is a fact that a number of representations along with data and details were provided to Kelkar Committee for inclusion of these drugs;

(c) whether it is a fact that the drugs have been excluded on the certificate of non-essentiality;

(d) if so, what is the basis of such certificate;

(e) whether Government have prepared any list of essential drugs; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (d) Examination of reasons, or representations, regarding exclusion of the drugs mentioned in part (a) of the question vis-a-vis the exclusion criteria of the Kelkar Committee for Category II drugs has not been done by the Ministry of Health.

(e) and (f) Government has prepared lists of essential drugs for the Central Government Health Scheme and for the Rural Health Services.

Seniority Quota Rules

3166. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quota and rota rule for making appointments and determining seniority in the Central Government;

(b) whether the principle of quota and rota has been revised/amended by Government in the past five Years; and if so, the details thereof; if not, reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Supreme Court, High Courts in India and Central Administrative Tribunal have given judgements regarding principles to be followed in case of failure of quota and rota rule;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by Government in each of such cases; and

(e) what action Government propose to take to ensure the proper operation of the quota and rota rule in future in order to avoid the necessity of filling petitions by employees in tach and every case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) In the Central Serivces following the general principles of seniority, the seniority of direct recuits and promotees is determined according to the rotation of vacancies as per the quotas laid down for each mode or recruitment.

(b) Revised instructions on Seniority regarding the operation of the System of rotation of vacancies were issued by Department of Personnel and Training vide O.M.NO. 35014/2|80—Estt. (D) dated the 7th February, 1986. A copy of this O.M. is enclosed [*See* Appendix CXL-VIII Annexure No. 131]

(c) and (d) In Some cases in which the quota and rota rule had failed, the Supreme Court, some High Courts and Central Administrative Tribunals have given direction and fixation of seniority depending on the merits of each cases. The details of all such cases are not centrall available. Depending on the Circumstances of each cases, Ministries/Departments concerned have taken necessary action either to implement the judgements or to file review petitions or appeals.

(e) The revised instruction on seniority issued on 7.2.86 are considered adequate to ensure proper fixation of Seniority.

Report of Lentin Commission

3167. SHRI CHITTA BASU:

DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state what steps the Central Government have taken to ensure the quality of drugs coming from Maharashtra, because of laxity of Drug Control in that State as revealed in the Lentin Commission report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): Based on the recommendation of the Lentin Commission, the Drugs Controller, India has written to Commission, FDA, Maharashtra to take the following action immediately.

(a) Strengthening of the State drug control machinery in Maharashtra.

(b) Stringent enforcement of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and rules thereunder.

(c) Setting up of full-fledged testing in hospitals located in Maharashtra.

(d) Appointment of full time qualified Drug Controller in Maharashtra.

(e) Rigid inspection of manufacturing firms and approved laboratories prior to their licensing.

(f) Appropriate action to be taken against firms manufacturing sub-standard drugs in Maharashtra.

(g) Proper procedures of procurement, storage, distribution and recall of drugs in hospitals located in Maharashtra.

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare has also written to Chief Ministers of all the States/UTs drawing their attention to the various recommendations made by the Lentin Commission and emphasizing the importance of implementing the quality control measures and testing procedures of drugs and pharmaceuticals as laid down in the Drugs and Cosmetics Act.

WHO (consultant) drugs report on drugs conference

3168. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the WHO (Consultant) Drugs in his report has recommended the revival of Drugs Conference;

(b) whether any action in the matter has been taken by Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?